Actual Control are fully equipped and alert enough to meet any sudden, offensive action from the other side; and

(b) what is the present state of intrusion from other side of the Line of Actual Control ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Effective counter-measures, including deployment of additional troops in selected areas, have been taken to prevent infiltration across the Line of Control.

Visit of Lt. General of South Command to Gujarat

1018. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the view of recent visit of Lt. General of Southern Command to Gujarat on 22nd September, 1992;

(b) whether the purpose of visit was to make certain recommendations to State Government of Gujarat on internal security view and communal tension; and

(c) whether the matter regarding border was discussed with Chief Minister of Gujarat ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) to (c) It is customary for the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief to pay a courtesy call on the Chief Minister, whenever they visit the State capitals in their area of responsibility. During his visit to Gujarat on 22nd September, 1992, the GOC-in-C, Southern Command, calld on the State Chief Minister and *inter dlia,* reviewed the security situation along the border.

Strength of Pak Army

1019. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :

Wil the Minster of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news item that appeared in the Indian Express dated the 9th November, 1992 under the caption 'Pak army now well equipped';

(b) whether there is a strong view in Pakistan that India, at present, is incapable of launching any major offensive as major strength of its army is pinned down in internal deployment in Punjab, Kashmir and Assam;

(c) whether Pakistan army brass are convinced that India can not launch any major offensive from Punjab and Kashmir, which have been traditional battle grounds with Pakistan due to increased internal security operations in these two key border States;

(d) whether the Pakistani Generals feel that recent victory of Mujahideen forces in Afghanistan and developments in Central Asia have given a strategic depth in defence allowing its planners to focus more strongly on India; and

(e) if so, what is the reaction of the Government thereto and the steps taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) Government are aware of the increase in the size of the Pakistan army and acquisition of sophisticated weapons, far beyond its legitimate defence requirements.

(b) to (d) Government do not have any inputs to support such a view.

(e) Government kept a close watch on all developments having a bearing on national security and take appropriate measures from time to time to ensure defence preparedness.

Joint Naval Exercises with China

1020. DR. BAPU KALDATE :
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to have joint naval exercises with China;

(b) if so, what are the other countries with whom joint naval exercises are proposed to be held; and

(c) what are the benefits likely to be derived therefrom so far as country's interest is concerned ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) No

such proposal is presently under consideration.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Serious Crisis in HAL

1021. DR. BAPU KALDATE :
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether HAL, a Public Sector undertaking is in a serious crisis following substantial reduction in its defence expenditure and that it is now seeking cooperation of other sectors like Civil Aviation to keep going;

(b) if so, what is the annual turn over of HAL units, unit-wise, during the last three years and what is the accumulated loss suffered by each unit till date;

(c) what is the anticipated response from the Civil Aviation and what are the areas of production proposed to be handled by HAL; and

(d) what is the overall impact in the existing situation on the HAL's man power ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) and (c) The projected defence requirements are adequate to keep the production and overhaul lines of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) busy in the short and medium terms, However, due to resource constraints, there is a gap between the funds required and those available in the Defence Services budgets to support all the tasks.

HAL is already producing aircraft, accessories, sub-assemblies, components, ground-handing equipment, etc. for the civil aviation sector. Efforts are being made to increase its share of this business as also for the maintenance and overhaul of civilian aircraft.

The Department of Civil Aviation will encourage the airlines to make maximum use of the facilities available with HAL.

(b) The division-wise sales turnover and profit before tax of HAL for the last three years, is given in the Annexure. [*see* Appendix CLXV, Annexure No. 14]. The undertaking has been earning profit and has no accumulated losses.

(d) Rationalisation and re-deployment of manpower between various divisions, depending on the workload, is an ongoing feature. However, there is no direct impact on the manpower in the existing situation.

ई० एम० ई० में भ्रष्टाचार

1022. श्री राम सिंह राठवा : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि तीन गत वर्षों के दौरान ई० एम० ई० में भ्रष्टाचार के कई मामले हुए हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान ऐसे मामलों का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार ने भ्रष्टाचार को रोकने के लिए क्या कदम उठाये हैं ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री शरद पवार) : (क) ई० एम० ई० में गत तीन वर्षों में भ्रष्टाचार के तीन मामलों का पता चला है ।

(ख) इन तीन मामलों में से दो मामले सिविलियनों से तथा एक मामला सेना कार्मिक से संबंधित है । उनके खिलाफ रिश्वत लेने, मासिक वेतन बिल बनाने में अनियमितता, डाक्टरी इलाज पर किए गए खर्च के झूठे दावे प्रस्तुत करने आदि तथा संविदा किए जाने के संबंध में बरती गई अनियमितताओं के आरोप हैं ।

(ग) सुधारात्मक कार्रवाई के लिए उठाए गए कदमों में निगरानी रखना/अनुवर्ती प्रक्रिया की जांच, आवधिक और अकस्मात निरीक्षण, महत्वपूर्ण एवं गोपनीय पदों पर तैनात कर्मचारियों का बारी-बारी से स्थानांतरण, अभियोजन, या अपराधी पाए गए कार्मिकों के विरुद्ध विभागीय कार्रवाई शुरू करना शामिल हैं ।